

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No: 7174A

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53**

**Box Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Title: ROBUST DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

**1. Type of Application**

- ☒ This is a new application for a
- ☒ utility patent.
- ☐ design patent.
- ☐ This is a continuation-in-part application of prior application no.

**2. Application Papers Enclosed**

50 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)

28 Page(s) of Claims

1 Page(s) of Abstract

12 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 22)

☒ Formal

☐ Informal

Page(s) of Sequence Listing



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3. Declaration or Oath

- ☒ Enclosed
  - ☒ Executed by (check all applicable boxes)
    - ☒ Inventor(s)
    - ☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)  
(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)
    - ☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached
      - ☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed.  
See Item 5D below for fee.
- ☐ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is(are) attached.

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Other

6. **Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

☐ are attached.

☐ will follow.

| COUNTRY | APPLICATION NO. | FILED |
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7. **Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ **Utility Application**

| CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)              |           |           |              |          |                           |            |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
|   |           |           | SMALL ENTITY |          | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |            |
|   | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | RATE         | FEE      | RATE                      | FEE        |
| BASIC FEE   |           |           |              | \$355.00 |                           | \$710.00   |
| TOTAL   | 61 -20    | = 41      | X 9 =        | \$       | X 18 =                    | \$738.00   |
| INDEP.  | 10 - 3    | = 7       | X 40 =       | \$       | X 80 =                    | \$560.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim |           |           | + 135 =      | \$       | + 270 =                   | \$0        |
| Filing Fee:   |           |           |              | \$       | <b>OR</b>                 | \$2,008.00 |

B. ☐ **Design Application (\$160.00/\$320.00)** Filing Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. ☐ **Plant Application (\$245.00/\$490.00)** Filing Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. **Other Fees**

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached [Fee -- \$130.00] \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees Enclosed \$2,008.00**

8. **Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☐ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 26-0175 in the amount of: \$2,008.00  
A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.
- ☐ Not enclosed

9. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 26-0175. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to Zenith Electronics Corporation at 2000 Millbrook Drive, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.

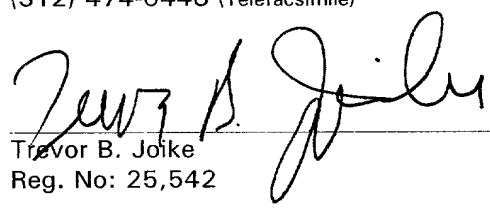
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